

Reflections

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE RIVER OF GRASS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

DAVIE, FLORIDA

MARCH 2019

THERE FROM HERE

Rev. Amy Carol Webb



“If you don’t know where you’re going, you’ll end up someplace else,” said the great 20th century baseball player, manager, and coach, Yogi Berra. Apt wisdom for us here in the 21st century at River of Grass, in this month of March we launch our monthly theme of “Journey,” our Annual Budget Drive, AND begin the process to envision a new home! It’s a really good “problem” to have outgrown the space we’re in and a great challenge to strive to meet our operational budget. A perfect time to consider this Beloved Community’s journey thus far, as we look toward the horizon to imagine our future.

Considering River of Grass’ remarkable journey thus far -- your very beginnings you set about with great determination to create this Beloved Community as you grew it and its people in the work of justice and the Way of Love.

Twenty years ago, you wanted a place for liberal religion in Western Broward County – and committed to it with everything you had, setting out on a pilgrimage that laid this congregation’s spiritual foundations, even through “church in a box”, meeting wherever you could for a dozen years.

Eight years ago, you wanted a place to stop moving around for awhile, found this building, and committed to it with everything you had to grow deeper, and stronger, and in greater numbers.



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March Monthly Theme:

To be a People of Journey

- March 10: *Message in Music*
Bob Sima
- March 17: *Picking Up and Moving On*
Rita Cherubini
- March 24: **Multigenerational Service**
Rev. Amy Carol Webb
- March 31: *I Come From Women*
Rev. Amy Carol Webb

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM



April Monthly Theme:

To be a People of Wholeness

- April 7: *TBA*
Rev. Amy Carol Webb
- April 14: *TBA*
Elaine Silver
- April 21: **Easter & Earth Day**
Rev. Amy Carol Webb
- April 28: *Let My People Go!*
Rev. Amy Carol Webb

OUR SUNDAY LOCATION

11850 W. State Road 84, Suite 1, Davie, FL 33325

EVERY SUNDAY

Worship Service: 10:30 to 11:30 am. **Hospitality Hour:** 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.
Faith Development Classes: 11:00 am to 12:00 noon

FRIENDLY REMINDERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

There is plenty of parking outside the sanctuary, but please leave the closer parking spaces for our guests and physically challenged worshippers.

All meetings are held at 11850 W State Road 84, Suite 1 in Davie unless otherwise noted.



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OUR PRINCIPLES

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

The inherent worth and dignity of every person;

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;

The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

STAY CONNECTED!

Between issues of *Reflections* you can stay connected to the River of Grass Congregation the following ways:

- ◆ **Sign up for our weekly email** with events and news: send an email to office@riverofgrassuu.org
- ◆ **Visit our Facebook page:** www.facebook.com/riverofgrassuu
- ◆ **Follow us on Twitter:** @RiverOfGrassUU or www.twitter.com/riverofgrassuu
- ◆ **Visit our calendar:** www.riverofgrassuu.org/calendar.html (or go to: www.riverofgrassuu.org – click on Events – Calendar)
- ◆ **Join our MeetUp group:** www.meetup.com/riverofgrassuu



SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

Scott May



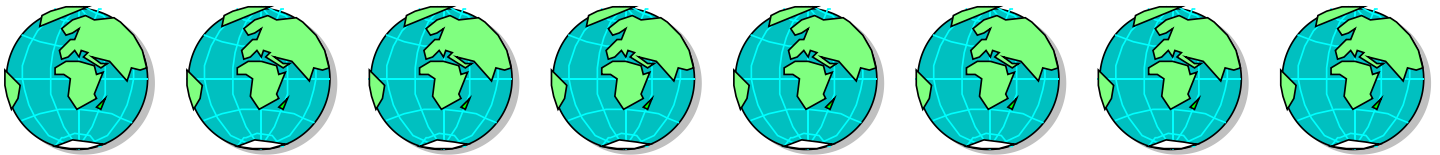
Spring is a lovely time in South Florida, as the mornings are still cool (well sometimes), and evening strolls can be delightful. It's a time to re-fresh and re-start, just as some flower bulbs re-grow and re-bloom. It's also a time reflect on our lives, reviewing how we spend our time, talent and treasure. And a time to reflect on River of Grass, and how it fits into our lives.

For me, River of Grass is a core component of my life. It's where I am spiritually nurtured on Sunday mornings. It's where I find much of my social life, through parties, cafe concerts, and events. It's where I join others in striving to help our environment. It's where I find many close friends, near and dear to my heart. It's a place I feel at home.

Each of us has this opportunity to reflect on what River of Grass means to us. Is it where you are spiritually nurtured? Is it where you find friends? Is it where you have a calling for service? Does it feel like home to you?

May we all continue together on this journey called life. May we all find peace in our day. May we all be nurtured by each other. May we be grateful that River of Grass is part of our lives.

Spring is here! Let us rejoice! Namaste!



THERE FROM HERE

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Five years ago, you wanted a full-time settled minister – and committed to it with everything you had set out on a new pathway in this River's life.

Last year, you decided you wanted a Religious Education rebirth – and committed to it with everything you had. And now we have some 40 children registered for our Sunday classes, and beautiful new families we count as our own.

This month we launch our Annual Budget Drive (ABD) to lift up all we have done in this world thus far, to fund our mission, cast our vision toward the horizon – and once more commit our selves to this place with all we have, to make it the port of plenty you intended it to be.

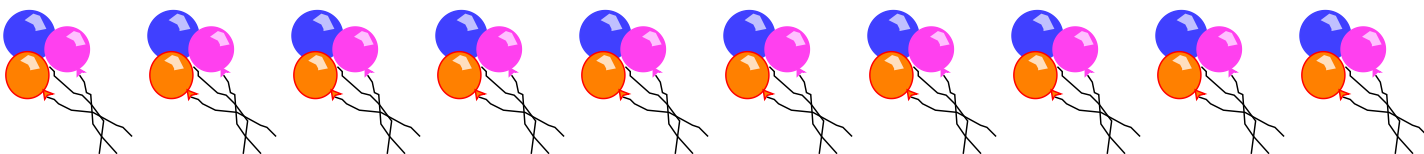
Your dreams, your devotion, your determination have carried this congregation to this moment in its history. Now it is time to envision where those dreams, that devotion, that determination lead next. A new building with more indoor and outside space? Some other kind of structure? What kind of sanctuary, classrooms, dedicated spaces, shared spaces? Our own garden? Places our young'uns can celebrate nature? Other configurations not yet conceived? What could River of Grass look like in 3 years, in 5, in 10?

Come let us envision together where we're going – and give it all we've got to get there from here on this journey we share!

RIVER OF GRASS CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY



On February 21st, River of Grass celebrated its 20th anniversary. Thank you to all who helped us celebrate. Here is to the next 20 years!



NEW HOME ENVISIONING

Scott May

Our New Home Envisioning launched with much energy and participation — Thank you to all who joined the conversation!

Barry Finkelstein, a UUA Stewardship Consultant, was on-site March 1-3 and met with nearly 50 members. He gathered valuable information about our past, our present, and our hopes for the future. He will send a full report of his findings by mid-March, and it will be shared with all.

Barry's overall recommendation for River of Grass: **“Dream together, Build a Grand Future!”**

Here are the next steps:

- ◆ Share Barry's report.
- ◆ Gather our congregation together to:
 - ✓ Review Barry's report,
 - ✓ Discuss our New Home needs,
 - ✓ Evaluate our New Home options,
 - ✓ Develop our New Home Vision,
 - ✓ Layout a Go-Forward plan.
- ◆ Assemble a talented, dedicated, motivated team to help drive the effort to achieve our New Home Vision.

Stay tuned! Be involved! We can do this!

(Note: Barry's fees and travel expenses are being paid by anonymous donors. If you wish to contribute, simply reach out to Sandy office@riveroffgrassuu.org or Scott president@riveroffgrassuu.org.)



LIVING THE DREAM BY MAKING DREAMS A REALITY!

Rita Cherubini



The Annual Budget Drive 2019-2020 kicked off on March 3 and ends on April 6! During February, you heard member testimonials by four families on why River of Grass is so important to them and why they financially commit to our community. They inspired us and we hope you will think thoughtfully about what this congregation and its work means to you when you make your Pledge decision.

After Service on March 3rd, everyone received a Pledge Packet. If you were not at service, please look for it in the mail! The Pledge card directs you to use eGiving as the preferred method of setting up your one-time or recurring donation at the River of Grass website on the Stewardship/Donation page. This new method meshes well with our congregational systems and eliminates check handling. *Please follow the directions on the Pledge card AND sign the card indicating your pledge. Check the box with your eGiving preference. Drop your card in an envelope marked "PLEDGE" each Sunday in the Chalice Drop Box on the Chancel or in the lock box outside the office.* We'll be celebrating with a Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Social, "A Dream With Sprinkles" on March 22 at 6:30. All are invited. Childcare will be provided. RSVP TO THIS EVENT or with any QUESTIONS to Rita Cherubini and Kathy Jens-Rochow, Co-Chairs at stewardship@riverofgrassuu.org. Your generosity to River of Grass is honored and appreciated!



Important SUUSI Dates (all times EDT)				
April 6 7pm Online registration via SOLIS opens.	April 23 11:59pm Priority application deadline for SUUSIships.	May 23 11:59pm Early registration discount (\$50) ends. Second SUUSIship deadline.	June 23 11:59pm Online registration ends. You can still register on site (+\$25). Final SUUSIship deadline.	July 14 10am-5pm SUUSI check-in! Check-in closes promptly at 5.

<https://www.suusi.org/2019-suusi-catalog/> The catalog is now available.

ANNUAL MEETING

Save the Date! The **Annual Meeting** is **Sunday May 5** after service. This meeting requires a quorum to conduct business including a vote for board of trustees, a vote for the budget, and a vote for proposed changes to the bylaws.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE PROPOSED SLATE OF CANDIDATES

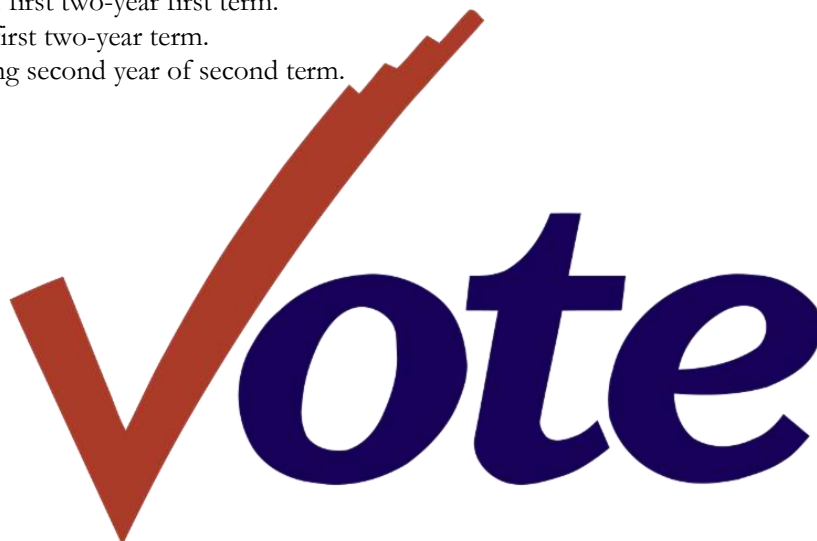
The Nominating Committee is proposing the following slate of candidates for a vote at the Annual Meeting on May 5.

2019-2020 Board of Trustees:

- ◆ President: **Scott May** – Continuing second year of first term.
- ◆ Vice President: **Susan Juncosa** – First year of first two-year term.
- ◆ Treasurer: **Brit Lundell** – Continuing second year of second term.
- ◆ Secretary: **Linda Lathroum** – First year of first two-year term. She is currently a trustee.
- ◆ Trustee: **Marilisa Lawless** – Continuing second year of first term.
- ◆ Trustee: **Riley Cothran** – First year of first two-year first term.
- ◆ Trustee: **Rick Tucker** – First year of first two-year term.
- ◆ Trustee: **Kristine Barkley** – Continuing second year of second term.

2019-2020 Nominating Committee:

- ◆ **Ahysa Boutron**
- ◆ **Edgar Navarro**
- ◆ **Georgette Lewis**



Vote

PLANNED GIVING AT THE RIVER

Kip Barkley, Planned Giving

Checkout our website and visit www.RiverOfGrassUU.org/planned-giving.html
Explore resources about leaving a legacy and some tools that are available to you. It all starts with a conversation.



Please sign up here to receive targeted action alerts when your call can have the most impact on your legislators—when they are considering voting yes or no on key bills in their committees. <http://www.ujusticefl.org/action-network/sign-up>

When we raise our voices together at the most opportune moments, we can make the greatest difference on critical bills affecting our lives.

RIVER OF GRASS COMPOSTERS



Thank you to our Composters who “recycled” our River of Grass compost in February! Our Sunday morning coffee grounds and fruit and vegetable scraps took on new life instead of ending up in the landfill. If you are interested in taking home our compost one Sunday please contact the Service and Social Justice Green Team at ssjgt@riverofgrassuu.org. Go green!

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Karen Gonzalez



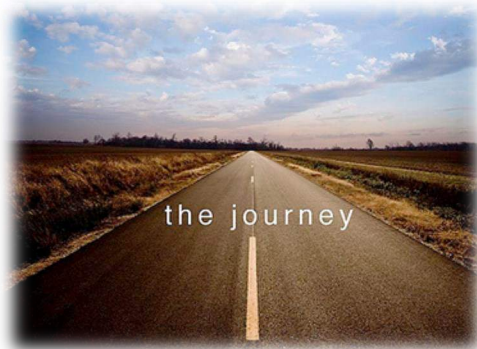
In March we consider that we are a people of journey – our search for truth and meaning is most certainly a lifelong journey. We pilgrims found our way to River of Grass and our faith is sustained here, but where else can we nurture ourselves on our UU journey? Where else can we find ways to grow our faith and enrich our lives? It's not too soon to be thinking about our summer sojourns and making plans for a little UU nurturing in cooler climes. Many of us here at River of Grass have spent the third week of July each year at the Southeastern Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute (SUUSI). There, we find ourselves surrounded by 1,000 of our closest UU friends of all ages, all on a journey, together. Western Carolina University is a welcoming and beautiful setting for worship, fun, learning, dancing, and music – so much music! Registration opens on April 6th, and [the catalog for SUUSI \(https://www.suusi.org/\)](https://www.suusi.org/) can be viewed online now.

Other UU camp opportunities can be found at *The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center* in Highlands, NC, where kids can connect with UU kids from around the country in their age groups for a fun week of sleep-away camp in mountain cabins. *Beginning Camp* for ages 6 – 8 runs for one week, while elementary, intermediate, and senior campers have a 2-week option. There's even a *Farm Camp*, *Wilderness Explorers Camp*, and *Outdoor Skills and Adventure Camp* for older teens. You can learn more at their website (www.theMountainRLC.org). I'll be there for my own learning retreat the second week of July – perhaps I'll see some familiar faces!

What happens back at The River during the summer? Each Sunday is an adventure of its own! We have special teachers leading us in exciting stand-alone classes that range from arts and crafts to games or even classes on dog training or bike repair. If you have an interesting idea to share with our younger ones, come see me and I'll find you a Sunday.

In the meantime, we have many exciting things happening at The River this Spring! We'll welcome new chalice lighters soon and enjoy some fun across the ages at our Big Spring Variety Show on **April 6th**. Our OWL kids will be wrapping up their lessons and it will be nice to see them back at The River again!

So, don't go anywhere just yet! But as you plan for your summer, consider your UU journey and perhaps joining us on a pilgrimage to the mountains.



IN MOURNING



It is with a sad heart that we inform you of the death of Michele Korin on Mar 2nd. She joined River of Grass about one year ago and has dealt with severe pain and infections as a result of her 9/11 injury. She was a beloved member of Herons of the Hammock Covenant Group. She was interred at Star of David Memorial Gardens Wednesday afternoon Mar 6th

(<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/north-lauderdale-fl/michelle-korin-8190492>). Her mother requests that donations in her honor are made to River of Grass or Temple Adath Or (TAO).

GREETER TRAINING



Who helps everyone entering our doors feel at home? A greeter! Learn how to be part of this vital ministry and have fun in the process. Light lunch will be served. Greeter training will take place after service on **March 31** in the multi-purpose room. For more info or to RSVP contact Zena Tucker, membership@riverofgrassuu.org.

WHAT IS AUUMM?

Gayle Giese



The Association for UU Music Ministries (formerly UU Musicians Network), of which Rev. Amy Carol Webb and I are members, supports music and worship arts professionals, leaders, and those they serve through resources, advocacy, education, and inspiration. Since 1985, this network has connected Unitarian Universalist music leaders throughout the United States and Canada to the resources they need and to colleagues who bring new insights to their work. Through enthusiastic online discussions and a robust annual conference, AUUMM provides resources and inspiration for musicians who wish to create transformative worship.

AUUMM is dedicated to furthering the ministry of music by leading the denomination in establishing a spiritual and aesthetic climate which encourages excellence and diversity among those who serve in its ministry of music, providing the community of UU musicians with a network of mutual support, education, information, and opportunities for professional and spiritual growth; and providing assistance and advice, as well as worship and music resources.

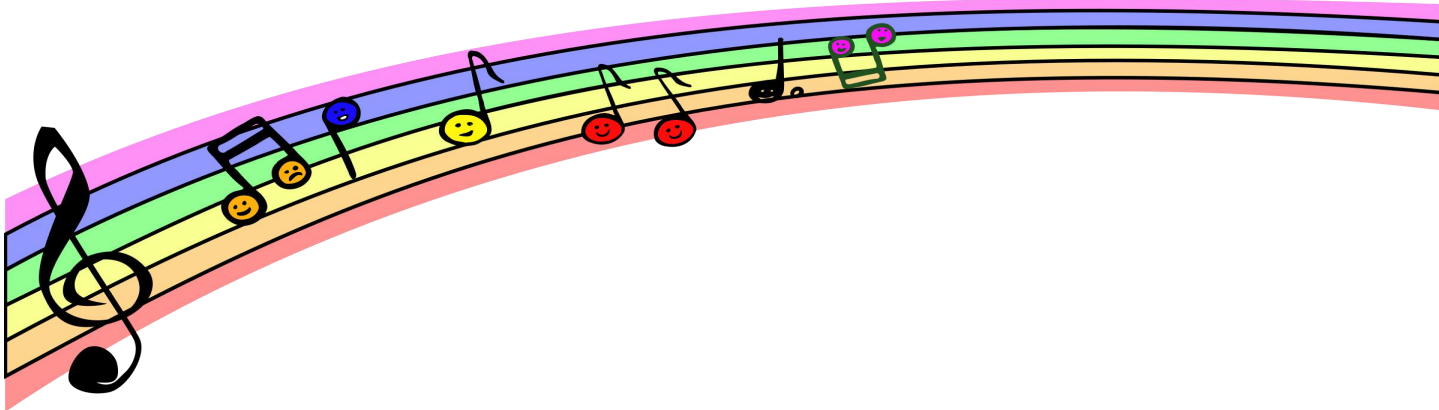
Rev. Amy and I enjoy these benefits of membership:

- ◆ The Grace Notes newsletter, published several times a year
- ◆ Forums for sharing information and resources among members
- ◆ A variety of communication circles for special interest groups
- ◆ Eligibility to attend the annual summer conference (I've attended twice over the years and found it to be an excellent experience, affording me with new music materials, ideas, inspiration, and expanding my personal network of UU musicians.)
- ◆ Good Offices Program for personnel or professional problems related to work
- ◆ The support and encouragement of a 550+ strong body of UU musicians and music supporters who work together to promote the values and invigorate the mission and ministry of music in our congregations and UU communities
- ◆ Lists, catalogs, and a song database of resources, music by UU composers, and network publications, including choral music, music for children and youth, and hymns and songs for services and gathering
- ◆ Organizational voting rights
- ◆ Access to Music Leadership Certification Program of the UUA (I completed this course in 2015.)



On July 24 – 28, AUUMM will hold its first conference under its new name and with its new mission. AUUMM says, “This year’s conference is designed to get us outside our heads; to release our inner creative energy; color outside the lines and bring a fresh approach to the sacred work we do, how we do it and why. Conference attendees will experience a paperless delivery system for all materials and will read repertoire by Composers of Color.”

Renowned composers and clinicians will be on hand to direct us in choral (adult and children), band, worship design, diversity, and other workshops. I am hoping to attend. The conference is open to anyone interested in their congregation’s music program: Instrumentalists, Choral Directors, Song Leaders, Ministers, Religious Educators, and all other worship leaders. The conference is in Denver, CO this summer. Let me know if you are interested in going!





looking for folks to sign up to bring a crockpot full of chili or your favorite cornbread. Dinner is at 5:00 and show starts at 6:30pm on Saturday, April 6th.



FROM THE STUDENT MINISTER

Beyssa Buil

Greetings Beloved River of Grass,



I joined River of Grass this September as your Student Minister when you graciously opened your home to me as a teaching congregation and Rev Amy as my mentor. I wanted to share some news about my learnings this year. We covered topics and field experience in exploring identity, anti-racism, multi-culturalism, internalized oppression, social justice work, systems and structures and how to apply those in a congregational setting.

Several times a year I leave for Meadville Lombard in Chicago, our Unitarian Universalist Seminary, for intensive courses. The whole month of January was dedicated to learning all about our Unitarian Universalist History and Principles in philosophy and practice. I will be leaving again for Spring semester soon in March. I am happy to report I was awarded the "Religious Scholars Award" from CM Cares - Church Mutual Insurance Company. I am the second Unitarian Universalist student to be chosen for this award.

Since I am in Candidate status with the UUA some of the other requirements in being part of the Ministerial Formation Network are my monthly learning with Rev Paul Johnson. I look forward to sharing more information with all of you and am so very happy River of Grass has opened their doors for my learning and growing.

Have you met the River of Grass strongmen? Would you love to see a dramatic reading of your favorite children's book? Make plans to attend or perform at our first ever Spring Variety Show Extravaganza, where you'll also be wowed by poetry, camp songs, show tunes and mystery guests. There's still room for more acts and remember, all acts must consist of two or more members and span 20 years between the oldest and youngest of the team. Create your act, and then sign up during hospitality time after service. Need help getting your act together? Karen Gonzalez can help you to connect with teammates. Tickets are \$5 but can be waived if you contribute to the evening's supper. Mandi Sehgal is

SECOND HELPING SUNDAY

Bruce Seidenstein & Kip Barkley



Second Helping **Sunday, March 17th**: "Everything You Wanted to Know about Diet, Weight Loss, Health and Nutrition, but Couldn't Find Anyone to Ask." Our new member Bruce Seidenstein has very extensive first hand experience in these areas. Your daily eating habits are the primary cause of the most common chronic diseases in the country today. These include, but are not limited to: Heart Disease, Diabetes, Hypertension, Gastric Disorders, Cancer, Alzheimer's, and many others.

Join us on March 17th for a brief, interesting, factual, honest and open discussion of *HOW* your daily eating habits actually cause all of the chronic diseases listed above. Much more importantly: LEARN HOW SIMPLE DIETARY CHANGES CAN ACTUALLY REVERSE MANY OF THE ABOVE CONDITIONS!!

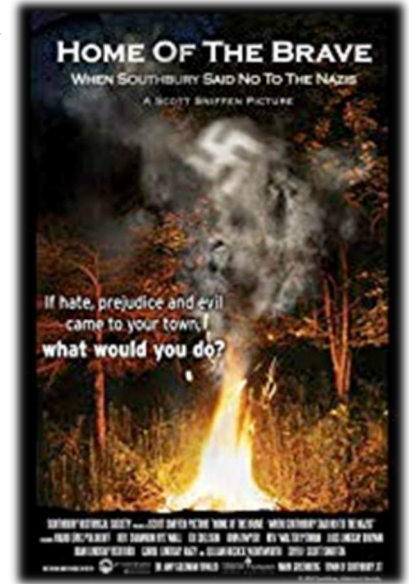
Sound too good to be true?? Sound hard to believe?? Join us on March 17th to hear a brief overview of this important subject. Then participate in an informative, and extended, question and answer period where we'll discuss what simple dietary changes can do FOR you and for your long term overall health. Please join us; you'll be glad you did!!

“HOME OF THE BRAVE: WHEN SOUTHBURY SAID NO TO THE NAZIS”

Karen Gonzalez

Documentary presentation and discussion, hosted by Ed Edelson, former River of Grass charter member and First Selectman (mayor) of Southbury, Connecticut on **Friday, May 3rd at 7pm.**

Ed has been instrumental in the making of this documentary about events in the town of Southbury, Connecticut in 1937 when the community was confronted with the plans to build the largest training camp of the German American Bund. The Bund was a Nazi-inspired organization that was seen as a major threat to our country. (The Bund’s rally at Madison Square Garden was the subject of a recent Oscar nominated short documentary.) Unlike every other community that faced this issue, Southbury citizens rose up and firmly said, “NO”. Ed has been showing the documentary and providing commentary for the past six years. As a result of producing the film, the Southbury story was included in a new exhibit at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum entitled “Americans and the Holocaust”. The evening will begin with a small reception and end with a question/answer discussion. Donations will be accepted to the ACLU during the evening, to help in their continued work to promote justice. The community at large is invited. [View the trailer here](https://youtu.be/tU78c7iEkkw) (https://youtu.be/tU78c7iEkkw).



2019 PHOTO A DAY #UULent



Join a Unitarian Universalist practice of Lent! Each day, Unitarian Universalists and our friends and family will intentionally reflect on a daily word, carry our awareness throughout the day, and capture an image that represents the word for us. We'll share our reflections and images on social media with the hashtag #UULent. On Sundays, we challenge each other to reflect on the daily word and also embody and enact it in our lives. (Created by Mr. Barb Greve; designed by Alex Kapitan.)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
MARCH			6 dedication	7 vulnerability	8 intention	9 dreams
10 bravery	11 struggle	12 resilience	13 mistakes	14 acceptance	15 partnership	16 courage
17 heal	18 search	19 hunger	20 curiosity	21 wonder	22 possibility	23 focus
24 hospitality	25 play	26 friendship	27 safety	28 dust	29 understanding	30 blessing
31 mercy						
APRIL	1 gratitude	2 wisdom	3 sacred	4 suffering	5 forgiveness	6 transcend
7 justice	8 grace	9 build	10 trust	11 recovery	12 art	13 love
14 sanctuary	15 travel	16 truth	17 ally	18 pain	19 loneliness	20 faith
21 rejoice						

NURTURE Your Spirit. Help HEAL Our World.

Attend 5 and win a chalice pin!

Sundays 11:45am-12:45pm

INQUIRERS SERIES

- **March 10 #3: Faith Development**
- **March 24 #4 Worship, Liturgical Year**
- **April 7 #5 Pastoral Care, Small Groups**

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The Faith Forward Inquirers Series continues on Sunday, March 24th at 11:45a. This series is a rotation of 8 conversations about our congregation and Unitarian Universalism. The series is designed for visitors and newcomers who are looking for a general introduction, and yet the sessions are also appealing to veteran members who want more information about our beloved community. Attend 5 classes and win a chalice pin! Classes are not mandatory for membership but are highly recommended! On **March 24th** we will be delving into programming for worship, as well as holidays and events of celebration.

Join us to learn more and make friends in the process! For more information see Zena Tucker, Membership Committee Chairperson, membership@riverofgrassuu.org.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE LIFENET4FAMILIES FOOD BANK APRIL 13TH

Judi Oltmans



LifeNet4Families

Cooperative Feeding Program

Healing injustice in our community is part of our River of Grass Mission and volunteering at LifeNet4Families is one way to put our mission into action. We can help by volunteering in their pantry, dining room, clothing and toiletries area, and kitchen doing a variety of tasks. There's something for everyone to do! Join us at our next LifeNet4Families Saturday Volunteer morning on **April 13th** from **9:00-11:00am**. Sign up at the Service and Social Justice Green Team corner at the back of the River of Grass sanctuary or email us at ssjgt@riverofgrassuu.org.

Thank you to Scott, Bev, Riley and Logan for volunteering at LifeNet4Families on February 9th. You all are awesome! They helped out in the kitchen assembling lunch bags. You really get a chance to see what a difference LifeNet makes in so many people's lives. If your River of Grass Covenant or other group would like to get together for a service volunteer morning at LifeNet4Families, please contact us at ssjgt@riverofgrassuu.org. Our upcoming Saturday LifeNet4Families volunteer mornings are: **April 13th** and **May 11th**.

Can't make it to LifeNet? You can bring canned foods for LifeNet4Families to River of Grass and place them in the basket at the SSJGT corner. They are always in need of peanut butter and canned meats such as tuna, chicken or beef.

SAFETY IS A PRIORITY – BUILDING EVACUATIONS

Security Team

Thank you to all who participated in the fire/evacuation drill during the recent Mid-Year Meeting on February 10. Everyone successfully exited the building to a safe distance in under two minutes. Fantastic job! This was one of your Security Team's steps to help River of Grass gain better practices and better insight to keep us all safe. If you would like to join the Security Team and/or offer improvements, please email president@riverofgrassuu.org.

For those who missed the meeting, the current Emergency Management Plan manual is located in the pulpit and is posted on the River of Grass website in the member section. Here are revised fire/evacuation procedures, based on feedback gathered before, during, and after the evacuation drill. In addition, Faith Development has their own separate procedures, which have been shared with the teachers, and are included in the Emergency Management Plan. Please share any feedback on these revised procedures, as they will be incorporated into the Emergency Management Plan manual soon.

1. Fire and Evacuation

Location of Fire Extinguishers, Safety Equipment, and Building Exits:

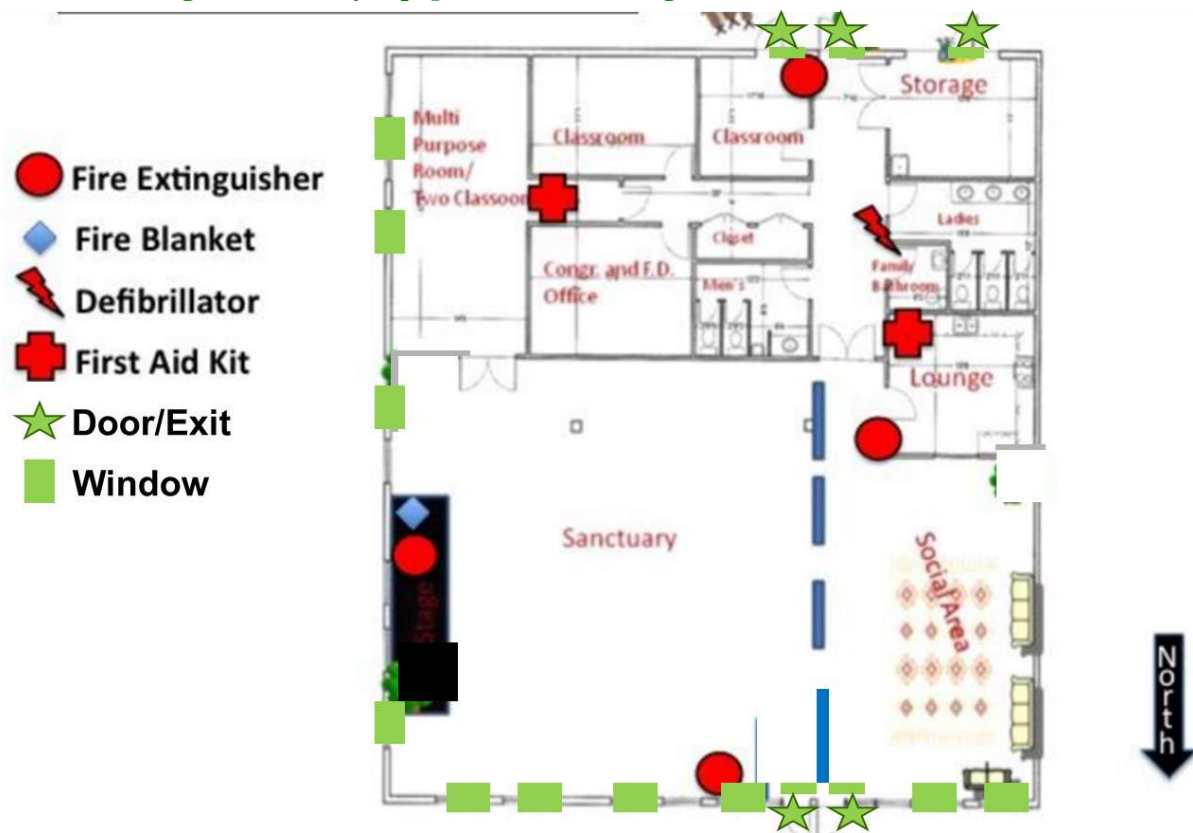


Figure 1.1 Fire and Safety Equipment, and Exits

In case a fire or other emergency:

___ 1. **First person noticing emergency:** Call 911 and verbally call for help. Report your name, location (11850 West State Road 84, Suite 1A, Davie, Florida 33325) and details of the issue.

****WARNING UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE YOU TO ENDANGER YOUR OWN SAFETY OR SECURITY IN AN ATTEMPT TO CONTROL THE FIRE**

___ 2. **If safe to do so, a portable fire extinguisher may be used to put out small fires.** Found under pulpit, in kitchen and near exits.

___ 3. **Evacuate the premises** if fire is not immediately extinguished.

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SAFETY IS A PRIORITY – BUILDING EVACUATIONS

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- ___ 3A. Service Leader/Minister or Service Host: **Sound airhorn with one long blast** for at least 3 seconds (found under pulpit). Other individuals may sound airhorn if emergency occurs in another location within River of Grass. (A second airhorn is found on top of refrigerator). Take airhorn with you.
- ___ 3B. Building Occupants: **Evacuate through the nearest and safest exit** to closest Muster Area. If primary area is unsafe, go to secondary muster area. These areas are northwest and southeast of River of Grass within the complex.



- ___ 3C. Service Leader/Minister or Service Host: **Help lead people out from the sanctuary, hospitality area, and kitchen**, through the front doors to Muster Station #1. Once out the front doors, turn left and use sidewalk, then turn right after BIKERS and cross parking lot and get to grass area out of pathway of smoke, fumes, rescue vehicles, and traffic. (Redirect everyone as needed depending on wind direction, rescue vehicles, etc.) Meet in grass area. Verify all are safe and accounted for as much as possible at Muster Station #1. Call 911 to verify they are fully aware of the situation.
 - ___ 3D. DRE or designee: **Help lead people from the classrooms and offices** through the back door to Muster Station #2. Once out the back door, cross the parking lot turning left, to reach the grass area out of the pathway of smoke, fumes, rescue vehicles, and traffic. (Redirect everyone as needed depending on wind direction, rescue vehicles, etc.) Meet in grass area across from the building behind us. Verify all are safe and accounted for as much as possible at Muster Station #2. Call 911 to verify they are fully aware of the situation.
 - ___ 3E. Board member: **Make sure everyone has evacuated the building** (if safe enough, check offices, classrooms, bathrooms, kitchen, etc.) if fire is not immediately extinguished and inform Service Leader/Minister or Service Host at Muster Station #1 when all inside rooms are cleared.
 - ___ 3F. Board member: **Create a group text** including Service Leader/Minister or Service Host at Muster Station #1 and DRE or designee at Muster Station #2. Indicate that River of Grass building has been cleared.
- ___ 4. **Notify First Responders** if you have information regarding people who may have remained inside.
 - ___ 5. All leaders: **Inform any concerns or injuries** and wait for input from other Muster Station leaders.
 - ___ 6. **After all have responded with “all safe”** (Board member, DRE, Service Leader/Minister/Host) including any necessary updates from both Muster Stations, **sound airhorn with three short bursts** as an “all clear” signal to return to building.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
Saturday, Mar 16	8:30a-12:00p	Third Annual Yard Sale	River of Grass
Saturday, Mar 16	7:00p doors open 8:00p concert	Deeper than the Skin Reggie Harris & Greg Greenway concert	River of Grass
Tuesday, Mar 19	7:15-8:15p	Flowing River Sangha	River of Grass
Wednesday, Mar 20	7:15-9:15p	bUUKies Book Group	River of Grass
Wednesday, Mar 20	7:00-9:00p	Faith Development meeting	River of Grass
Thursday, Mar 21	7:00-9:00p	Men's Group	River of Grass
Friday, Mar 22	6:30-9:00p	Living the Dream ice cream social	River of Grass
Sunday, Mar 24	12:00p	Faith Forward Inquirers series #5	River of Grass
Monday, Mar 25	7:00-9:00p	SSJGT JAM meeting/potluck	River of Grass
Tuesday, Mar 26	7:15-8:15p	Flowing River Sangha	River of Grass
Thursday, Mar 28	7:00-7:45p	Welcome Table Communion Circle with Rev Amy	River of Grass
Sunday, March 31	12:15p	Membership Greeter training	River of Grass
Monday, Apr 1	7:00-9:00p	SSJGT meeting	River of Grass
Tuesday, Apr 2	7:15-8:15p	Flowing River Sangha	River of Grass
Thursday, Apr 4	7:00-9:00p	Men's Group	River of Grass
Friday, Apr 5	6:30-8:00p	River Mixer	River of Grass
Saturday, Apr 6	ALL DAY	Annual Budget Drive ends	River of Grass
Saturday, Apr 6	9:00a-12:00p	Congregational work day	River of Grass
Saturday, Apr 6	5:00p dinner 6:30p show	Variety Show Extravaganza	River of Grass
Sunday, Apr 7	12:00p	Faith Forward Inquirers series #6	River of Grass
Tuesday, Apr 9	7:15-8:15p	Flowing River Sangha	River of Grass
Friday, Apr 12	7:00-9:00p	Drum Circle w/ Rev Amy	River of Grass
Saturday, Apr 13	9:00-11:00a	LifeNet4Families volunteer day	1 NW 33 rd Terr, Fort Lauderdale
Saturday, Apr 13	9:30a-5:30p	SSJGT: FL Changemakers Summit	River of Grass
Saturday, Apr 13	11:30a-2:00p	SSJGT: Citizens Climate	River of Grass
Sunday, Apr 14	12:15p	Kindlers Lunch w/ Rev Amy	River of Grass
Tuesday, Apr 16	7:15-8:15p	Flowing River Sangha	River of Grass
Wednesday, Apr 17	7:15-9:15p	bUUKies Book Group	River of Grass
Wednesday, Apr 17	7:00-9:00p	Faith Development meeting	River of Grass
Thursday, Apr 18	7:00-9:00p	Men's Group	River of Grass
Friday, Apr 19	7:00-9:00p	SSJGT: Abilities Venti	River of Grass
Saturday, Apr 20	7:00p doors open 8:00p concert	Zoe Mulford River Café concert	River of Grass
Monday, Apr 22	7:00-9:00p	SSJGT: JAM meeting/potluck	River of Grass
Tuesday, Apr 23	7:15-8:15p	Flowing River Sangha	River of Grass
Thursday, Apr 25	7:00-7:45p	Welcome Table Communion Circle with Rev Amy	River of Grass
Saturday, Apr 27	12:30-1:30p	Membership committee meeting	River of Grass
Sunday, Apr 28	12:00p	Faith Forward Inquirers series #7	River of Grass
Tuesday, Apr 30	7:15-8:15p	Flowing River Sangha	River of Grass
Thursday, May 2	7:00-9:00p	Men's Group	River of Grass
Friday, May 3	7:00-9:00p	Southbury UUs vs. Nazi Bund Camp presentation	River of Grass
Saturday, May 4	9:00a-5:00p	SE Cluster Justice Saturday: Defending 1 st Amendment	River of Grass
Sunday, May 5	10:30a	New Member Sunday	River of Grass
Sunday, May 5	12:15p	Congregational Annual meeting	River of Grass
Monday, May 6	7:00-9:00p	SSJGT meeting	River of Grass
Tuesday, May 7	7:15-8:15p	Flowing River Sangha	River of Grass
Friday, May 10	7:00-9:00p	Drum Circle w/ Rev Amy	River of Grass
Saturday, May 11	9:00-11:00a	LifeNet4Families volunteer day	1 NW 33 rd Terr, Fort Lauderdale
Saturday, May 11	11:30a-2:00p	SSJGT: Citizens Climate	River of Grass
Monday, May 12	7:00-9:00p	SSJGT meeting	River of Grass



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BEGINNING CAMP:
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Age: 6-8 years old, rising 1st-3rd graders. One week only.

ELEMENTARY CAMP:
Come to camp to gain new skills and a little bit of independence. Elementary campers can stay for one or two weeks, depending on how ready the camper (and parents!) are to spend time apart. You'll build a community with your peers, play games, hike with your new friends and cook s'mores!
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INTERMEDIATE CAMP:
Adolescence is an emotional, high-energy period in a child's life. Our intermediate camp is designed to help newly minted teenagers grow into themselves surrounded by a supportive, loving environment while exploring the natural beauty of the Nantahala National Forest!
Age: 12-14, rising 7th-9th graders. One & two week options.

SENIOR HIGH CAMP:
A refuge for older teens seeking to spend time in nature and discover some truths about themselves through exposure to nature and opportunities to explore new interests or further refine lifelong passions. No matter if you're a camp lifer or a first time Mountain Camper, you are sure to make friends for life.
Age: 14-17, rising 10th-12th graders. One & Two week options.

FARM CAMP:
Campers will help with daily tasks on the farm and will walk away with the knowledge, skills, seeds, plants, and mushroom spawn to start or contribute to an existing home garden.
Age: 12-17 years old (rising 7th-12th graders) One Week.

ASCENDER:
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Age: 16-17. Six weeks.

EXPLORERS:
For young teens who crave a more intense wilderness experience. You'll learn how to survive and navigate in the woods, and spend a week camping and hiking all throughout the Blue Valley in the Southern Appalachian foothills.
Age: 12-14, rising 7th-9th graders. Two weeks.

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Age: 15-17. Two weeks.

CIT (COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING) I&II:
CITs are essential to the camp experience. You'll learn how to lead your peers and those younger than you, how to resolve conflicts, and to inspire passion in the next generation of camp leaders. CIT I focuses on designing and developing programs; CIT II focuses on the actual experience of being a cabin counselor.
Age: 16-17. CIT I: Four weeks. CIT II: Six weeks.

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And MUCH, MUCH More!

Every woman who brings a new sister (or the first time in 5 years) to this event will receive a \$10 gift certificate to use in Brigid's Bazaar. Please don't feel limited to one!

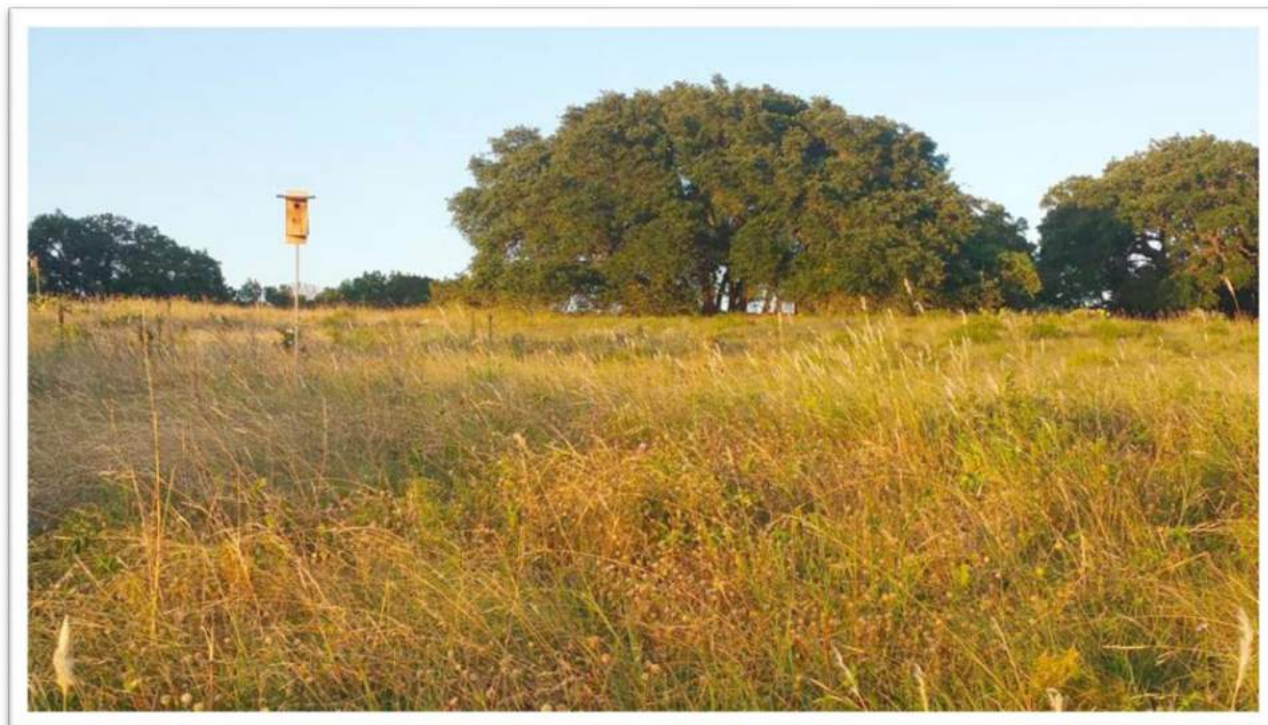
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**The Men's retreat is coming March 22-24, 2019 and
The Women's retreat is March 29-31, 2019**

Registration is open for you to come and enjoy a quiet weekend with familiar faces and new friends at UBarU!

Lodging in the Dwight & Marie Brown Center along with your meals from Friday dinner - Sunday breakfast are included.

Early Bird cost is \$155 for the weekend with shorter stay options, if you prefer. Arrive after 4 p.m. on Friday

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